

EXTRACTS.

A DEMONSTRATION IN DIFFICULTIES.
A mean little port, and by way of a town
A house or two perched on a precipice-crown,
And some acres of rock and of heather;
And naval commanders intent on the break-
Of extorting this precious domain from the Turk
Before the break-up of the weather, the weather—
Before the break-up of the weather.

The admiral selected in council were six,
And the number of place of escape from the fix
Was three and three added together;
But all were agreed that the job must be done
Ere September had passed and October begun.
With its wonted effect on the weather, the weather—
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Its wonted effect on the weather.

Chit Eneias: "On On!" But, said Austria: "Hold! Have patience! Do not so imprudently bold—
Your valour goes tight to its tether!"
The Prussian gear were a week whilst have flown.
Said Russia: "May be! but the lake, and I own
I re the deepest distrust of the weather, the we-
ther—"
The deepest distrust of the weather."
"For what are we waiting," said Italy, "pray!"
"Why aren't," said France, "for the Portopetown
or Alhambra to send the white fakir!"
Growth Italy: "Humph! but supposing we find
That while we're awaiting this change in their mind
We're caught by the change in the weather, the
weather—"
We're caught by the change in the weather."
Growled Germany: "Maritime Pow's may detect
In this maritime force an impressive effect—
On the principle, 'Nothing like leather."
But I—I prefer demonstrations by land,
Where the blow that impends from the menacing foe
Risks no interception from weather, from weather—
Risks no interception from weather."
Thought England: "The Turk may be shattered
doubt,
Twixt rebellion within and coercion without—
Two millions, an upper and neither—
But many's the slip 'twix the lip and the cup,
And his empire's remains may escape breaking up
Through the timely break-up of the weather,
the weather—"
The timely break-up of the weather."
—St. James's Gazette.

LORD REDESDALE AND THE
FOOTMAN

The little group of Lord Granville and Lord Redesdale reminds one of the little incident in which both noblemen were concerned some years ago. Lord Redesdale, somewhat shabbily dressed as is his wont round to Lord Granville one morning to see the Foreign Minister on business. Knocking at the door, he was received by a footman, who, not knowing who the visitor was, informed him curtly that: "Your lordship is not here." "But look here," persisted the dunkey, "just run and get a pint of 'arf' and 'arf, will you?"—"prod a jug." "Certainly," replied Lord Red, taking the jug away he toddled to the door. Bringing it back, he handed it to the footman, who, of all folk a regular quoncher, then politely declining the offer of a drink, quietly remarked, "Oh, by the way when your master comes in, tell him that Earl of Redesdale called to see him!" "You may imagine how the footman felt at this sublime moment, and how Lord Red conveyed his disgust to the duke when, during the next day's discourse, he was laughing in every club he went into, he dived home and had an opportunity of hearing the dunkey's explanation.—*Continued.*

HOW A TURK DOES BUSINESS

Of business at the Post Office in Constantinople an amusing description appears in the *Coloqune Gazette*. It may be remembered that the difference between the Turkish and the European postal establishment in the Turkish capital, The Grand Empire, there, however, affords the postal service not only for the use of the Emperor William, but for the use of themselves as well. The Turk is well known to be a lover of ceremony, and a little this feature contributes to the despatch of business may be gathered from the following account of an incident of frequent occurrence at the German Post-office in Pera. In the London office of the city of Vienna Europe the transaction would be conducted in half a dozen words—"Two shillings of foreign stamps, please." "O hang on, half-a-crown, thank you." In Constantinople the simple transaction assumes the following form. A turbaned Ottoman, approaching the pigeon-hole of the Post-office, bows respectfully to the official, and laying the right hand on his breast, exclaims, "O noble morning!" The official, turning to the noble morning, exclaims, "What are the salutary inquiries, 'What is your pleasure?' " The servant desires a few stamps, p stamps, in order to send letters to His Majesty, My son, Abdullah Effendi, glass merchant of Ak Serai, has travelled to London; his family wishes to write to him. I, indeed, do not possess the accomplishment of writing, but a relative, the grandson of my first wife's great-uncle, the great-grandson of a manufacturer of glass, a master of the art, and he will pen the epistles for me." "Very good; and how many?" "O you want, sir?" "Ah, my jewels, many do I require?" "One, I suppose, will not be sufficient, for he will not yet for four weeks; so give me two." "Good; here they are—two and two pistres." "What is that thou sayest, lamb? Two pistres was what I desired, give some tendering." "O my son, Abdullah, is it easily in London, Wait; it was." "Quite right, Effendi; but since then has been altered, and the price is now greater. It is so, alas, of my eye? The price is greater, alas! alas!" Herewith the Turk puts out a roll of notes, on seeing which the official exclaims, "No, my diamond; no! No paper money here; you must pay in silver." "Eh, what? Ton take no paper money?" "Surely it is gold, the Padishah's money, and he realises you are Well, well, it is your hard money. I have with me some copper." "No, Effendi," rejoins the official, "we don't take copper either; we must pay in silver." "Silver?" "I heard, I have none! Do me the kindness of taking copper, I will pay you the difference." "Impossible, Effendi, I am not the man to take it." "Well, what am I to do?" "No?" "O do not say that; the money is sitting there in the corner." "Ah, is it very hot, would you really take it?" "I cannot under any circumstances." "Well, then, you shall have silver. I have it?" "Thanks!" This part of the business being concluded, the Turk asks, "Will the letter be sent off?" "Fare me, father, when do you intend to write?" "Oh, to-day; as soon as I get from the fish market, and then I will go, and will have the letter written." "It will be despatched in the morning, bringing it here before two o'clock this noon." "Excellent, and when we answer come, back?" "Well, Effendi, that will depend on when your son can reply." "Writes his reply, my lamb, and what are you thinking of, be well satisfied at once, of course! Do you see, he will keep his father waiting well; well, in this case I will answer him quickly; you will see, perhaps get it done." "Bravo! bravo! Then I will go back to tea-day's time. Good-bye to you! Allah lengthen thy shadow, my son." "Good-bye, sir, and may thy beard be as long as the shadow of the Prophet, may it flourish flourish."—*Standard Correspondent*.

CO-OPERATION AND COOKERY

The quantity of rubbish that is printed every year in the newspapers and magazines of the Schools of Cookery, paper, cooking, distilling, and general household science, is almost incalculable. It is truly amazing that one should not remember that the honourable type, ink, and paper are also bestowed of equal, if not even a larger amount of nonsense about the majority of things, and so are wasted. If there had been any "organs of public opinion" in the days of the Pool of Sodom, that personage would have passed for an active correspondent of the journals, and would have written in reply to him: The foolish literary correspondence which intermittently dribbles through the columns of the *Times* does a double mischief: first, in raising hopes in the public mind that we are on the verge of some great reform in distilling, and next, in rendering our daily suffering mere *mal de vivre*, and not *mal de vivre* at all of food. Some time ago there was a "craze, duly 'ventilated' in the paper, of feeding people almost exclusively upon tins, haricot beans, and other forms of all of which undoubtedly are extremely good when and consumed in moderate quantities are nutritious, but which are not (especially) palatable. The craze, however, was entirely judicial to health. Fortunately, however, in two very gross cases of the starvation of children which rendered judicial cognizance within a few weeks of the "pulse" craze, it was found that aggregations of lentil soup or of haricot beans, had formed the chief elements of the dietary issued by the stupid and little vintressee to the children, and a little vigilance on the part of the Indian cook, or, as "plain boiled rice" agitation, and "the white practice of really good cooking" in England has been going from bad to worse.

In the midst of this intolerable verbiage, and nostrum-pulling, it is so surprising and refreshing to find even so good a half-pennyworth and so little of common sense and clear-headedness as the "practical knowledge seems to be recoverable" in a letter on "Co-operative Cookery," signed "Gleocuousus," which appeared in *The Times* a few days ago. The writer begins by expressing his surprise at the advantages which the division of labour has conferred upon all classes of men, and how long ago have we seen the benefits of the division of labour in the household? He points out that among domestic servants, the most useful one to procure is a cook capable of sending up a good dinner.

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TREVELYAN'S LIFE OF FO
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to provoke the expectation that the form
Life of Charles James Fox will be a
lightful book. The great Whig statesman
a man of a most genial nature; indeed,
were of the opinion that Fox's associa-
over his friends and his simple life
as much owing to his gentleness or to his
and elegant tastes as to his charming let-
ter on all sorts of subjects." One
most delightful we have seen is an ex-
the note of the nightingale, addressed
Lord Gray, with allusions about the
of the note from old English, and
Greek poets. He winds up with the
that he liked these recollections "all
better than those that relate to Shafes-
Sumland, &c., which I did those better
the House of Commons."
the nightingale's note, Fox held, was
critique and character, and in spite of So-
that it was merry, not mournful. Ex-
the father of English poetry as a
thority on such a subject. Chaucer
of all the poets seems to have been the
of the songbirds of birds. Since the
ridge has remained the same, the side
monsters that the nightingale's
country said a wise thing when
convinced that it resolves itself into
matter of association of ideas, and
modified by the hour at which the nig-
is chiefly heard. Its notes, general-
ing, are not melancholy in themselves
melancholy from an association with
time, and the sense of retrospection.
hour naturally produces. They may
be melancholy also in the future
word inasmuch as they express
most intensely of vocal beauty and
for, as Hunt well expressed it, "ex-
cessive feelings of delight are
grave."—*Literary Notes in Daily Mail*

TRAVELLER'S IMPRESSION

Lima is called the paradise of Peru. They are called beautiful; as they are, admire black eyes and ebony tresses, dreamy black eyes of the harems, sparkling black eyes of the Syrians, and black eyes of the Egyptians; black eyes that easily reveal the types of character. Peruvian land character, and are not afraid, to show we hear nothing of equal rights and among them. For them to lay off right is but to possess it, for they win over the priesthood, and thus the most powerful class of Peru can rule. They are generally good-looking men; work; they rise early—take a long walk, and go to mass. Their questions but a few moments. The suits are neat and pretty; respect they surpass us. The dresses and never touch the ground; the flossing or fumbling with trunks. A skirt is sometimes seen a little dress, with a deep hem and two tails always white and clean. Trunks are generally worn; the head, finally, mantle is thrown to the bottom of the subject of dress claims. Most time and attire; their ball-dress opera and evening are magnificent boots, especially, are beautiful. We have naturally as small feet as the Peruvians. The Peruvians' mud boots are too foreigners. Peruvian ladies are intelligent; as soon as they pass by schoolgirl period they care little for literature. Many learn to play the piano, young, but no joke, as some married. The women, but not to be appearances. Their mode of salutation of an embrace than anything they always say, "My house and have is entirely at your disposal, and to be as one family." They are wealthy in imagination—at least, I speak of poverty. They love to. Although handsome when you scarcely turn twenty years of age, fade. And that is their gait. Their manner of gliding and graceful, the same of the moon. The ladies are good playing making bargains; they need find a thing too trivial to occupy the they are never in haste; there is maldana (to-morrow) and then another landress, and the promises to re- clothe in eight days, never sooner. The steam-landress, where the price one-third the value of the first. Eight days past the landress do fear. They must then be looked at to-morrow—and to-morrow means week. By the time that she full stand that you are in a hurry clothes," she says you can have to (estease now this evening); but she price about threefold. Take you and pay the price agreed upon before. The name delays may be expected. These transpositions may be explained near transactions. The Peruvian looking say you want something for the day, for two or three times the value will be demanded.—*Pacific Times.*

HONGKONG MARKETS

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WOOLLEN GOODS.

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VESSELS.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTINATION.	VESSEL.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTINATION.
HONG-KONG.													
STEAMERS.													
Albay	Oct. 27	F. Ashton	Brit. str	886	D. Laprak & Co	Amoy	Otomi	Oct. 11	Hardy	Amr. sch	72	Captain	
American	Sept. 4	Mooney	Brit. str	845	Birley & Co	Amoy	Pioneer	Oct. 17	Hardy	Amr. sch	72	Captain	
Amoy	Oct. 24	Macintosh	Brit. str	1323	C. J. Samsen, Sons, & Co	Samar	Samar	Sept. 15	Miller	Amr. sch	1111	Walsh, Hall & Co	
Chas. T. Hook	Oct. 27	Bradley	Brit. str	902	O. & G. S. S. Co	Calcutta	Star	Oct. 13	Brooks	Brit. bk	780	Malcolm & Co	
Danube	Nov. 2	Clanthy	Brit. str	561	Lundson & Co	S-Francisco	Star	Oct. 11	Worne	Amr. sch	263	Chinese	
Diamond	Nov. 8	Cullen	Brit. str	514	Yuen Fat Hong	Saigon					39	Captain	
Djemah	Nov. 8	B. Bava	Brit. str	864	Messageries Maritimes	Bangkok							
Douglas	Nov. 8	S. Ashton	Brit. str	864	D. Laprak & Co	Shanghai							
Elony	Nov. 8	Bianco	Span. str	222	Reneades & Co	East Coast							
Ichang	Nov. 8	J. Orston	Span. str	704	Unterhelf & Switz								
Java	Nov. 8	de Riddar	Dut. str	1057	Harrington								
Kiu-Kiang	Nov. 8	W. Baring	Brit. str	1081	C. M. B. M. S. S. Co								
K. M. Mar	Nov. 8	Diffthless	Jap. str	1133	Messageries Maritimes								
Mandoh	Nov. 7	Homery	Fren. str	1273	Jardine Matheson & Co								
Naples	Nov. 4	White	Brit. str	1473	C. M. S. N. Co								
Pacific	Nov. 14	G. Saeur	Ger. str	898	H. C. R. Stevens & Co								
Paslin	Nov. 2	Farlow	Brit. str	708	G. H. & M. Stevens & Co								
Peat	Nov. 8	Greenfall	Brit. str	652	Geo. R. Stevens & Co								
Pendo	Nov. 8	Cain	Brit. str	874	C. T. Traders' Insurance Co								
Powan	Nov. 8	A. G. Carey	Brit. str	48	Mayer & Co								
Quata	Nov. 2	Thomson	Ger. str	392	Jardine Matheson & Co								
Sea Wall	Nov. 24	Hayden	Amr. str	46	Messageries Maritimes								
Wells	Nov. 4	Mosmann	Ger. str	834	Kwak Achang & Sons								
W. Mac Kinnon	Oct. 31	Swart	Dut. str	2393									
Yangtze	Nov. 8	Champanides	Fren. str	350									
Yot-sai	—	D. Browne	Brit. str	—									
SAILING VESSELS.													
Adolph	Oct. 31	G. Horn	Ger. bk	807	Wisher & Co		Citadel	Oct. 11	Steward	Brit. sch	239	Chinese	
Agnes Muir	Sept. 31	Lowo	Brit. str	583	Wisher & Co		Dorset	Oct. 9	—	Siam. bk	300	Chinese	
Alva	July 25	B. de Souza	Brit. str	582	Brando & Co		Elroy	June 18	Dekhalan	Brit. sch	385	Chinese	
Aurante	Oct. 31	Thompson	Brit. sch	1107	Mayer & Co		Glory	Sept. 13	Beronth	Siam. bk	385	Chinese	
B. of Oregon	Oct. 31	Morrison	Amr. bk	1127	Messageries Maritimes		Gloria	Sept. 15	Braba	Siam. bk	400	Chinese	
C. Stewart	Oct. 23	Powers	Amr. bk	630	Russell & Co		Goon Goon	Sept. 15	Obertens	Brit. bk	250	Glad Goun	
Com. Dupont	Nov. 4	Crookitt	Amr. bk	436	Russell & Co		Goolah	Sept. 22	Thurston	Chine. bk	542	Chinese	
Com. Dana	Nov. 8	Goode	Dut. bk	426	Arnold, Karberg & Co		H. R. de Tupper	Sept. 24	Jacobus	Siam. bk	900	Captain	
Com. Potermann	Nov. 8	Siegner	Ger. bk	737	P. O. S. N. Co		Iron Duke	Jan. 5	Koepf	Amr. sch	1234	Allen & Co	
Com. Ellas	Oct. 26	Todge	Brit. bk	499	Arnold, Karberg & Co		L. C. Wade	Sept. 2	Hayley	Amr. sch	1234	Allen & Co	
Com. Elnas	Oct. 26	Mishelen	Ger. bk	293	Ed. Schellhaus & Co		Morency	Sept. 30	Molencor	Fran. bk	715	Chinese	
G. & Marie	Nov. 8	Baichia	Ger. bk	352	Wish & Co		N. S. Paraph	Sept. 18	Moller	Siam. bk	454	M. J. & Co	
H. N. Bangs	Nov. 4	Bangi	Amr. sch	556	Chong Woo		Skiddaw	Sept. 2	Rowley	Brit. bk	877	B. C. L.	
Hernine	Nov. 8	B. Meyer	Ger. bk	350	Captain		Tai Hongkong	Sept. 2	Robtham	Siam. sch	450	Chinese	
Importer	Nov. 4	Sheehane	Amr. sch	1270	Captain		Tai Wai	Sept. 2	Robtham	Siam. sch	450	Chinese	
J. J. Stanhope	Oct. 30	Gibbs	Amr. bk	245	Ed. Schellhaus & Co		Vancouver	Sept. 17	—	Ger. sch	300	M. J. & Co	
Leona	Oct. 30	Schmidt	Ger. sch	245	Ed. Schellhaus & Co								
Mercator II	Sept. 21	Gosner	Ger. bk	511	Siemssen & Co								
Morua	Oct. 30	Borgwardt	Ger. bk	491	Ed. Schellhaus & Co								
Norrmahli	Nov. 7	Thyler	Brit. sch	186	De Laprak & Co								
Osborne	Oct. 17	Kroyles	Amr. sch	743	Malchers & Co								
S. of the Age	Oct. 25	Williams	Brit. bk	847	Vogel & Co								
Spartan	Aug. 27	Vincent	Amr. sch	91	W. H. Ray								
S. S. Allen	Sept. 19	Elldridge	Amr. bk	740	Tong Shing Woo								
Sunamra	Aug. 5	S. A. Tubb	Brit. bk	742	Cornitta & Co								
Takati	Oct. 25	Stols	Ger. bk	312	Siemssen & Co								
Takli	Oct. 25	Petersen	Ger. bk	350	Siemssen & Co								
Triton	Oct. 1	Kulesan	Ger. bk	550	Meyer & Co								
Valparaiso	Oct. 31	Fellou	Amr. sch	1240	Captain								
Wesler	Nov. 8	Hellness	Ger. bk	918	Captain								
WHAMPOA.													
SAILING VESSELS.													
Tactar	Oct. 31	Kaempe	Ger. bk	256	Melchers & Co								
CANTON.													
Quanzan	Oct. 28	Lungie	Ger. str	837	Siemssen & Co								
Kiang-Ping	—	—	Chl. str	—	C. M. S. N. Co								
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Kialan	—	Hoyland	Brit. str	1050	H. O. M. Steamboat Co	Canton	Albatross	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shank	—	Cadwalader	—	—	H. O. M. Steamboat Co	Canton	Caracas	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tung-tung	Aug. 27	Holmes	Chl. str	315	C. M. S. N. Co	Canton	Corinto	—	—	—	—	—	—
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